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### **Chocola Comments on President Bush's Prime-time Address on Iraq**

**WASHINGTON** – This evening, President George W. Bush addressed the nation from Fort Bragg, N.C., to mark one year since Iraq was returned to its people. Following the speech, U.S. Rep. Chris Chocola (R-Ind.) issued the following statement:

*"Tonight, the president addressed the nation to mark one year since sovereignty was returned to the Iraqi people. Since then, 8 million Iraqis have gone to the polls to elect an interim government. Right now is a critical time in Iraq's history. A constitution is being written and elections for a permanent government will occur in December. Ongoing violence by terrorists will not deter us from supporting our troops, the Iraqi security forces, and the Iraqi people. The president reminded us that we will remain resolute in our mission to assist the Iraqi people in their march towards democracy. Iraq can emerge as a beacon of hope and democracy in the Middle East, and the world, with our help. We must remain steadfast in our commitment to our troops, and to those fighting for a free and democratic Iraq because freedom makes our country and the world a safer place."*

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